

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

**TURN DOWN WOOL GROWERS. SAYS CONTRACTORS WILL LOSE**

**Pinchot Says They Must Pay for All Range in Reserves.**

Washington—Gifford Pinchot, chief of the Forestry service, has overruled the protest of the Umatilla County Woolgrowers' association in the matter of charging a grazing fee for the Blue mountain forest reserve range this season. The woolgrowers also protested that they were not assigned individual ranges. The department explained that it was not customary to assign particular tracts to individual stockmen when reserves were first created, and it is not yet determined what plan will be followed in the Blue mountains.

The association also called attention to recent decisions by the California and Washington courts to the effect that the secretary of agriculture is without authority to impose a tax for the use of forest reserve range, and without authority arbitrarily to regulate its use. The forest officials interpret these decisions to hold that the secretary of agriculture had not been empowered to enforce any penal code, but did have the right to keep the reserves clear of stock or lease them on such reasonable conditions as he should prescribe. No appeal has been prosecuted to a final hearing in either case, but the officials believe their right in the sphere indicated is beyond all possible question, and say that court decisions will have no influence upon the rules adopted for control of reserves.

**Bands Want To Go To Salem.**

Salem—Almost every organized band in the state has applied to the Salem Fourth of July committee for an engagement. When the committee began making arrangements to celebrate the Fourth it was announced that a large number of bands, probably 20, would be employed if possible for the occasion. The responses came thick and fast. Several days ago the committee had engaged all the bands that could be paid from the fund available. If there were a few thousand more dollars in the treasury the committee would be willing to work overtime engaging bands. As it is the committee is satisfied that there will be more brass band music in Salem on the Fourth of July than was ever heard at one place in Oregon before.

**State Fair To Be the Greatest.**

Salem—Now that the election is over President Downing of the state fair board, who is also chairman of the Democratic county committee, expects to devote his entire time and attention to perfecting arrangements for the state fair, which opens in September. Mr. Downing says that the fair this year will be the greatest ever held on the state fair grounds. The attractions will be better and more numerous and the exhibits in every department will excel all other showings. He says the people in every county are taking an interest this year, which is due, he thinks, to the interest awakened by the Lewis and Clark fair.

**Fleeces in Prime Condition.**

Baker City—Shearing of sheep in Baker county has begun by electric machinery at the plant of Lee Bros., near here, who will first shear their own sheep and then those of Ayre and other large owners in the county. Shearing was delayed by the long continued wet weather, but it is said that on account of the moisture the quality of the Baker wool will this year far exceed that of previous years, as it is clean from dust and of fine texture. It is expected the tonnage will be large and that most of it will go into storage.

**Many Seeking Timber Land.**

Baker City—Many people are coming into the Eastern Oregon timber belt in search of timber. Locators from Chicago, Milwaukee, Western Washington and Idaho were included in two parties which have passed through Baker City on their way into the John Day country. One of these parties, with H. J. Bundy, started for the Sunanville district; the other party, 15 people in all, 14 women and one boy, which was under the direction of G. W. Shaw, started for Burns.

**May Buy Road to Blue River Mines.**

Eugene—The Eugene Commercial club has met and adopted resolutions asking the county court to investigate the matter of purchasing a highway into the Blue river mines. At present the private road from Blue River City to the mines, a distance of six miles, is closed on account of some trouble between the owners, the Lucky Boy Mining company, and other mine owners in the district, and there is no means of access to the mines from the outside.

**Fruit Injured in Valley.**

Salem—The continued damp weather which has prevailed for the past three weeks in the Willamette valley has been very injurious to the fruit crop. Strawberries in some localities have been almost ruined. Cherries, too, have been injured for want of dry weather and sunshine. Growing grain has had all the rain necessary for this season.

**La Grande Offers Free Site.**

La Grande—The La Grande Commercial club is attempting to raise \$8,000 for the purchase of a site to be offered to the Palmetto Lumber company as an inducement for the location of its new mill here. About \$8,000 has been subscribed. A site of 73 acres on the river northwest of town has been secured by option.

**Did Not Know Nature of Rock Along Route of Cello Canal.**

Portland—The government canal at Cello will cost \$10,000,000, instead of \$4,000,000, according to I. H. Taffe, who has been operating fish wheels near there for 20 years.

"The contractors, Smith & Jones, who are digging the first half mile at the Cello end, will lose \$100,000 on the job," he said. "They took it at too low a figure, evidently not knowing the nature of the rock they have to blast out. Their bid was \$294,000. They have about 100 men at work preparing a foundation for the rock work on the upper end of the canal."

Mr. Taffe says there is nothing in the fishwheel business this season because "those fellows on the lower river won't let a single salmon get past them." He gets a good price, 7 cents a pound, for all he traps, his market being in the East. His cold storage works are, however, devoid of salmon this season, and he does not anticipate any great improvement in the run.

**Calapooia Company is Sued.**

Albany—Claiming the Calapooia Lumber company, of Crawfordsville, has cut and logged more than 750,000 feet of timber off land belonging to him, Abner C. Withee has filed suit for \$4,500 damages in the State Circuit court for Linn county, through Attorney W. Lair Thompson. The timber alleged to have been cut by the defendant company is valued at \$1,500, and the Oregon statutes provide that where timber is cut unlawfully the owner may recover three times its value. Withee is an Eastern capitalist who has large timber holdings in Linn county, and is represented in the West by Thompson & Hardy, of Eugene.

**Water Soon to Flow.**

Baker City—Water will flow through the 12-mile ditch of the Baker Irrigation company within the next few days. This statement was made by J. A. Smith, head of the company. The water will be sent down in a small volume, at first being used for sluicing in the banks of the big reservoir which is to be built this summer. The reservoir is to cover 240 acres and have a capacity of 6,000-acre feet. The ditch will be used for carrying water for storage in the reservoir for the first time next spring.

**All Umatilla is Rejoicing.**

Athens—Reports from all over Umatilla county are to the effect that the outlook for an enormous wheat crop this season is bright. Before the heavy rains there was considerable anxiety over the outlook, as in those localities where the soil is light the prospects for a good crop were slim, and especially so where the wheat was spring sown. In many places it was believed the crop would be a failure outright, but everything is now entirely different.

**Road Machinery Arrives.**

Salem—Two carloads of machinery for the government experimental road construction have arrived in this city. There is one more car on the road. When it arrives the work will be started in earnest. The engineer in charge of the work, Mr. Loder, expects to be employed in the construction of this sample road at least two months.

**Successor to Dr. Lane.**

Salem—Governor Chamberlain appointed Dr. W. B. Morse, of Salem, a member of the state board of health, in place of Dr. Harry Lane, resigned, and H. G. Myer, of Salem, a member of the barber commission.

**PORTLAND MARKETS.**

Wheat—Club, 72@73c; bluestem, 74@75c; red, 70@71c; valley, 72c.  
Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$31.50; gray, \$31.50 per ton.  
Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$25@26.  
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$12@13 per ton; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$6@7; grain hay, \$7@8; alfalfa, \$13.  
Fruits—Apples, \$2.50@3.50 per box; apricots, \$1.75@2.00 crate; cherries, 75c@81 per box; strawberries, 6@8c per pound; gooseberries, 5@6c per pound.

Vegetables—Beans, 3@5c; cabbage, \$1@1.25 per 100; green corn, 47½c doz.; onions, 8@10c per dozen; peas, 5c; radishes, 10c per dozen; rhubarb 3c per pound; spinach, 90c per box; parsley, 25c; squash, \$1 per crate; turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, 85@75c per sack; beets, 85c@81 per sack.

Onions—New, 1½@2c per pound.  
Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 50@60c per hundred; ordinary, nominal; new California, 2c per pound.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@20c per pound.  
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 20@21c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 12@13c per pound; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; broilers, 15@16c; roosters, 10c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 16@18c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@22c; geese, live, 9@10c; geese, dressed, old, 10c; young, 12c; ducks, old, 11@12c; young, 12½@13c.  
Hops—Oregon, 1905, 10@12½c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 18@23c; valley, coarse, 22½@23c; fine, 24@25c; mohair, choice, 28@30c per pound.

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